

A2 12. (Amended) An aqueous solution absorbent material comprised of said organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim 1.

A3 14. (Amended) A manufacturing method for an organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim 13, wherein said homogenous solution containing (A'), (B), and (C) further comprises an organic solvent which is miscible with water.

Please add the following new claims:

22. An organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of the water swelling clay mineral (B) to the water soluble polymer (A) is within a range of 0.01 to 10.

23. An organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim 2, wherein said water soluble polymer (A) includes polymers obtained by polymerization of acrylamide derivatives and/or methacrylamide derivatives.

24. An aqueous solution absorbent material comprised said dry of gel body of the organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim 10.

25. An aqueous solution absorbent material comprised of an organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel in which water (C) is contained in a three-dimensional network formed by hybridization of: a water soluble polymer (A) and a water swelling clay mineral (B) which can be homogeneously dispersed in water and said dry gel body of the organic/inorganic hybrid hydrogel according to claim

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